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(3) Protocols (a) and (b) (see Tre his Athens trips Englosures "Protocols (a) and (b)" (see DECADAL translation Enclosures Prepared by The completely negative results of DECADAL's recent trip to Athens have unfortunately not brought him any closer to the solution of his problem, that of definitely settling his own eithation of morel responsibility vis a vis current use of E agents. Having so signally failed in his attained to achieve that end by direct contact with arrange sentation of our I station (in view of the enormous difficulty of dealing with DECADAL without having undergone the lengthy process of acquiring his confidence and respect, and in consideration of his own-evaluation of E background, superience, and powers to act on his own authority, the negative result of their meeting was a logical one), he has placed the problem squarely in our lap. Reduced to its simplest terms, DECADAL's problem can be stated as follows. Collaborating with Rome representatives of AIS, he recruited a group of six agents who were trained and despatched on a specific mission on 25 July 1950. In the case of that particular mission he assumed full responsibility termines AIS regarding his own actions and motives; as regards the team despatched, he assumed full responsibility for its reliability and its capacity to carry out the assignment involved. NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSUBE ACT SECURITY INFORMATION Michila Section 3(b) es copy duthods/Sources 🕡 a) Foreign Relations 📋

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- 3. To the American mentality which regards every citizen over the age of twenty-cas as a free agent qualified to determine his own course of action, DECADAL's preoccupations may appear emessively nice. It is believed, however, that Headquarters at this point must be aware of the practically feudal Balkan view concerning the responsibilities of leadership which motivates him in the present case. That he regards this matter so seriously accrues entirely to his credit; we could expect an identical reaction from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in similar circumstances. As an additional consideration, it must be recalled that DECADAL's new were bound to him and to the "common cause" by solean oath, a commitment not lightly entered into, and one which prescribes death as the penalty for its violation.
- DECADAL's diffidence concerning AIS' sincerity in his segard stems largely from the fact that he was not informed of the Laten's arrival in Greece, but learned of the matter through his own means. His distrust increased when he learned, in the same manner, that his former agents had been used on subsequent missions without his having been consulted. Another important aggreeant results from knowledge he alleges to possess that in handling these men their former Athens case officer pretended to be acting with DECADAL's knowledge and full authorization.
- 5. DECADAL does not appear to be bitter or even particularly surprised at the unsuccessful results of his Athens meeting with \_\_ \_ \_ \_ . He does feel most strongly, however, that forbidding him to see his formar agents was a hollow gesture in view of the east with which he obtained information



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concerning their operational activities by listening to the confessors gossip of his compatriots. He also maintains that he could have not with his men had he desired to violate — I's prohibition, but that he did not do so in order to remain "correct", and in order not to weaken his position with reference to his intention to request Rome's aid in reaching a solution to the problem.

- 6. All in all, the writer views DECADAL's current sentiments and his desire for settlement of his position with considerable sympathy. Aside from the rights and wrongs of the case, however, it is firmly believed that the retention of DECADAL's apparent goodwill, respect, and confidence towards the Rome branch of AIS is most advantageous from the point of view of current and long-range operational expediency. It is therefore most strongly recommended that Headquarters take the steps necessary to achieve the settlement desired by DECADAL. Failure to do so might wall induce him to proceed along lines explanaively his own. We can be certain that he would not inform us of any plans in that regard, but we can likewise be sure that their outcome would most unfavorably influence my future use we might plan to make of his former agents. The writer hastens to point out in this regard that DECADAL has uttered no slightest threat or suggestion of intention to take unilateral action.
- 7. A solution completely satisfactory to DECADAL, and one which would undoubtedly be acceptable to Headquarters, would be achieved by his enagents' signing of the emclosed declaration headed "Frotocol (a)". Their signing of the alternate "Protocol (b)", although it probably would not liquidate the problem confronting us, would certainly define our respective positions most clearly.
- 8. It is pointed out that DECADAL does not demand that the signed declarations be consigned to him. When and if they are signed, the will be satisfied to view them, and to receive I assurences that the signed documents will be placed on file with the meadquarters of \_ \_ organization.
- It is urgently requested that this matter be studied by Headquarters, and that the L J Station be informed at the earliest possible date of deciaions taken.
- 10. \_ As Role in DRUADAL's Athens Trip .

As an axide of operational interest, it may be well at this point to examine \_\_\_\_\_ 's role in DECADAL's unsuccessful Athens trip. The latter has confirmed that \_\_\_\_\_ exaggrated to him the difficulties of ob-

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taining a satisfactory settlement of his problem by protocol the writer. And he has admitted that it was of free sea passage to Greece that definitely decided him to undertake the trip to Athens.

- Is motives in this case are fairly obvious: he hoped, though he must have known the hope was vain, to acquire DECADAL's good-will by hinding him with favors; he wished to present himself, and incidentally his service, in a favorable light as compared with the local AIS representative who was allegedly not especially interested in DECADAL's problem; he possibly desired to embarrass AIS in revenge for its refusal to sponsor the AIFTHISSURA operation which he recently proposed; and he desired that DECADAL broach to Greek AIS the possibility of collaborating with his service in line-crossing missions into Albania. with his service in line-crossing missions into Albania. — \_ \_ "s motives, however, are entirely secondary to a basic facet of his character, an almost pathological necessity for playing everything with comming.
- 12. As usual C outcome. He was unable to furnish the free passage to Greece via an Italian steamer, a fact he learned only after Battists FIRMA was forced to pay passage cost at the moment of planing DECADAL aboard the ship; both FIRMA and DECADAL informed in no uncertain terms of their mbarrassment on that occasion; and mbarrassment on that occasion; and 

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  that he received a classic tongue lashing from his chief for having

  that he sorry figure. DECADAL has confirmed that he has his own definite ominion concerning the respective merits, powers, and good-will of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ las far as can be determined locally, any enhancement resulting from DECADAL's trip to Greece accruse exclusively to \_\_\_\_\_ and, finally, General ACCOLOFOULOS gave DECADAL clearly to mnderstand that his service would not consider collaborating with the Italians against Albania.
- 13. For reasons of what DECADAL terms "correctness" the proposal submitted to Headquarters in the present report was routed through

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Bari, February 14, 1952.

Dear Mr.

After my arrival from Greece, on Febr. 7th, I had the intention to leave immediatly for Rome and, as you see, I am yet in Bari and regret to not being able to leave for Rome, also due to my sickness. I am obliged to keep the room for a comple of days more.

Seeing the time passing I decided to write to you and to bring to your kind knowledge the situation I found in Athens, regarding the men, but at the same time how your gentlmen in Athens regard the whole question, as their dealing does not regard me.

Unfortunately I arrived to Athens on Saturday evening, vix. on the 26th January, and had to wait up to Monday in order to contact the competent people there. I succeeded to find out where General Micolombias ware, as his offices were not enymore there where I was accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_\_ one year ago. At last I succeeded to meet General Micolombias and after the conventional greetings I exposed to him the explicite objective of my trip to Athens with the request to settle the whole question in a manner which would give to me the possibility to discharge myself from responsibilities in the future, regarding the men at present in charge with missions in communist Alberda. To this General Micolombias replied that he regrets to not to know the whereabouts of the men but that he is ready to join me with the officer in charge begging me to come two days later, due to the absence of the officer in charge. After an exchange of opinions over the situation in Albania and the activity developed by different missions in the country itself, I retired.

As fixed, I visited General Ricologulos the second following day and in fact the officer in charge reported in the presence of the general that; one of the men was killed and that another one was missing. I, for my poert, on account of the informations I had, bould only confirm this statement pertially, vis., that one of the men was killed, Despite the clear and precise informations of the officer in charge, regarding the dead and the missing men, general Ricologulos declared that he had already met arrangements with the emerican gentlemen to meet me the following day, also with respect to the fact the he — General Ricologulos — regarded the whole question as an exculsive matter of the emericans

The following day, vis. on January 31, I was introduced to an american countless — ].... (in reality an albanian-american and successor of — ]) with whom I should deal. Our conversation was very short, also due to the attitude of this gentlean. At the beginning of our conversation he declared that the men, with the exception of one [Beginning of our conversation were all safe and sound in Athens, adding that the investigation measures had resulted to be negative, resp. there was no certitude of his being neither dead nor alive but as well not captured. [ ] continued to say that he had heard from the general that it was my wish to meet the men, which fact I could only confirm. I was then asked what I intended to speak with them, as there were no further obsatcles than to limit my conversation to their state of health, but nothing more than that. Quite conscient of this limit I immediately replied that; on account of the limits stated by him, I renounce and do not wish to meet the men.

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I continued to react to this attitude of my by stating that no force had ever been used by them in charging the men with missions and that the men had done very wall. To this declarations of Max I replied; I did not mention anything similar vis. force etc. but it was my duty to observe that I am not to be considered as a mere agent but less as a supplier of agents to the american services, adding that, at least, I feel myself responsible for the men who were recruited by me. is a matter of fact, these very same men had been charged with a mission in Albania on account of a close collaboration with the gentlmen in Italy and it is due to this fact that I have nothing more to discuss with him, as the whole question, for my part, remains to be settled with the gentlmen in Italy. Bringing to the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_\_ That I shall make use out of his attitude, I retired from the office, thanking to the general for his very kind assistance.

As you see, \_\_\_\_\_\_, the men who were picked up by the gentlmen in Greece one year and more ago, in full knowledge of their previous mission in Albania, have been charged twice with similar missions in Albania; despite the assurances given by \_\_\_\_\_\_ That they would be treated well in the avaitment to have the whole question settled in Rome. It is worth to mention here that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ had given the same assurances in Rome asserting that a solution would soon or late be found.

Leaving spart the very regretful fact that I myself had to discover one year ago the arrival of the men to Greece while Mr., was in full knowledge of their arrival to Greece, I regret very much that I have to continue — with the most miserable means — to follow the activity of these men and to learn from third persons that one on more are dead or missing. Conscient of the heavy responsibility which I have to justify in the future before the parents responsibility which I have to justify in the future before the parents responsed the people above described. I ask myself how long will this state continue to exist? As you know, my wish is to gettle the whole question in a manner that I am not snymore bound to carry any responsibility.

I could have met the men same in Ithens but did not do so in order to remain up to the end correct. 

I acting in behalf of his superiors in Athens, declared that they have never made use of force. It is true that they do not make use of force where they should but only there where they should not. They live in belief that nobody, also, beside them, knows that the young men co-couraged by the fact that they are doing their duty towards their country with, the american assistance, are dropped in the enemy country in a way that they remain there where they are dropped with broken legs delivered to the mercy of the bullsts of the enemy....

As you see, \_\_\_\_\_ I have gathered many informations and facts which sufficiently prove a sort of dealing with a background which deserves to be brought to the knowledge of their superiors, if for nothing else then for the sake of the excellent reputation of the U.S.A.

I shall be very glad to discuss the whole matter with you as soon as possible, with the hope to have your kind assistance for a fair solution of it.

With my best regards \_\_\_\_\_, I am

very sincerely Yours

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I dashtumi Ahmet, Shaqir dhe Destan,

Me 26.1.1952, erdha ne Athine posacerisht me callim me Ju takue dhe me u interesue per sgjedhjen e cashtjes Juej, ce tashti nji vjet e ma teper vashdon te jet varnu. Mjerisht muk mujta me gjet at kuptim qe pritshk me gjet ndaj sotnijve nan urdhnat e cillave ndodhemi sot. Ne žiith kete mora siper me vazhine ne veprimin t'im ne kete drejtim ketu dhe ne base te nji mereveshtjeje me zotnit e ketuhit, vendosa me Ju drejtue bashkangjitum DV protokola, perpilluame proj snes ime, me qellim skjarimit te relatavet dhe qindri-mit te Jusjin ne te kalusmen dhe per te ardimen.

Me keqardhjen ma te madhe kuntora qe Beqir Bajgora quhet i humbum, si konsequence misijonit fundit. Uroj dhe due me shpresue qe edhe aj, si Hajreddini, do te jet gjakke. Tue mar shenim prej ketij fakti fatkeqa, e pash te arsweshme me theksue edhe kete realitet ne protokol, me qellim justifikimit ne te ardhmen, ndaj sntarvet familjes tij.

# UDHZTIME PER PROTOKOLAT KETU BASHKANGJITUN :

1.) Messi qe te Ju dorsohet letra dhe protoko-lat bashkangjitun, nen (a) dhe (b), asht detyra s. Ahmet Kabashit, si savendes kryetarit misionit, me dhone si i cillit prej Jush afatin e duhum e njisset e later oresh me mendue dhe mandej me menshkrpa protokolin qe si i dilli prej Jush e gjen te jet e arayeshme dhe peloyeshme. Theksohet ketti qe si i dilli dinhet te vepron lirisht dhe pa ndo nji shtrangese qoft nga ana odo kuj te jet.

2.) Protokoli (a) : Ne se e duni vehdin te ckontum prej betimit qe keni dhome qe do te jeni ne sherbim te cashtjes per-hashket dhe nen drejtimet e Kræsis se Lidhjes II. Prigrenit, at here asht e nevojshme qe te nenshkrumi kete protokol.

okputum prej betimit qe keni dhone Kryesis se Iddhjes II. Prizrenit dhe jeni gji besnik parimevet te Iddhjes se II. Prizrenit, at here duheni te nenshkrumi kete protokol.

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Zoti Ju ndihmoft !

Bashkangjitun : Dy protokola.

( Thafer I. Dova per Kryesin e Lidhjes II Prizremit

Perpillusa na Roma na 24.2.1952.
Nanashkrusa na Athina na

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### PROTOKOL (a)

Landa : Shkarkin pergjegjaije Kryesis se Lidhjes II Prisrenit per vepristarin ne fushe.

- I. Si pjes shkoqitse per kete protokol sherben thirrja dhe udhaimet e s. Khafer Deves, per Kryesin e Lidhjes II. Prisrenit, s.s. Ahmet Kabashit, Shaqir Kabashit dhe Destan Berishes, antaret e misionit dergusm ne fushe me daten 25.6.1950. nen komanden e Kapaten Rasa Smanit, ram si dishmore me 26.6.1950. ne ndeshje me anmikun.

Present jane : Almet Kabashi, Shaqir Kabashi dhe Destan Berisha.

- III. Madje savendes kryetarit Ahmet Kabashi konstaton :

  a) Si pasoj te misiomit te dates 25.6.1950. Hajredin Vuolterni, per araye te plagosjes se tij ishte shtrengue qe te okputet prej grupit dhe ne base te lajmeve vertetueme ndodhet gjalle ne Kosoveska
- IV. Ahmet Kabashi, Shaqir Kabashi dhe Destan Berisha, deklarojin, tue vue nemahkrimet e vehta ne kete protokol, lirisht dhe pa as nji shtrengese qoft nga ana kuj te jet :

  - 2) Me veshtrim te pikes naltpermendun, qujim qysh tashti, pa vend edo pretendim te antarvet familjevet t'ona ne te ardhmen, qa mund te drejtohet Kryesis se lidhjes II. Friarenit.

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### PROTOROL (b)

Lenda : Vanddimi besniknise ndaj Kryesis se Lidhjes II Prisrenit, mbas nji premje relatave ma se nji vjecare.

- I. Mi pjes shkoqitse per kete protokol sherben thirrja dhe udhgimet e za. Knafer Deves, per Kryesin e Lidhjes se II. Prizrenit, z.z. Ahmet p-Kabashit, Shaqir Kabashit dhe Destan Berishes, antaret e misionit derguem ne fushe me daten 25.6.1950. nen komanden e Kapiten Riza Smenit, ram si dishmore me 26.6.1950. ne ndeshje me anmikum.

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a)Quej vehdin je pergjegjes per pjesmarjen t!imin ne misionat nism prej Greqije, per arsye se nuk isha ne dijeni qe per nisjen ne fushe muk ishte ne dijeni Kryesija Lidhjes II. Frizrenit.

b)Disheroj qe te veham ne gjendje me u spjegue me Krpesin e Lidhjes se II. 'risrenit, mbasi qe deri tashti muk mu asht dhone rastic.
c)E quej me vend qe detyrini im ndaj Kryesis se Lidhjes II. Prisrenit per veprimtarin e misionit te 25.6.1950., edhe per araye me dhone shkoqitjet e duhuma per pjesen disciplinore dhe materijale, asht ne fuqi. Kete edhe ma teper me tregue ndarimenin si t'imin asht edhe te aprorve te mi.

d)I u lutem Eryesis se Lidhjes se II Prizrenit qe te me nipet rasti me plotsue ate qe nga rrethanat e ndryshme e quej mangi,por jo per shkak qe jam cmonge detyrimevet.

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Rome, February 24, 1952.

Dear Almet, Shaqir and Destan,

On Jan. 26. 1952. I was in Athens with the emplicate aim to meet you all and at the same time to find the right solution of your problem, which now, after more than a year, has remained unsettled. I regret to not habe found the neccessary comprension by the gentlemen under whose orders you find yourselves to-day. Despite this fact, I continued to tay and find a just solution of your matter, and, on account of an agreement with the gentlemen here, I decided to send to you TAD protocols, composed by myself, with the objective of clearing the relations and your attitude in the past and for the future.

I had to take notice of the very sad news regarding the missing of Begir Bajgora. I wish and want to hope that he too, as Hajreddin, is alive. While taking notice of this fact I found for fit to paint out this res lity in the protocols with the sim of justification towards the members of his family in the future.

## Instructions for the protocols have joined :

the two protocols (a) and (b) here joined, it is the duty of Ahmet Kabashi; as the man in charge of the commander of the mission, to give to every member of the mission the necessary time of 24 hours, sufficient to think over, and to sign the protocol he finds for reasonable. It should be pointed out that anybody should act freely and free of any pressure which might come from any part.

2.) Protocol (a): Should you consider yourselves as released from the oath with which you were bound to serve to the commune case, under the directives of the Presidence of the Leange of Prizers E, it is evident that you should undersign this protocol

3.) Protocol (b) : Should you consider yourselves bound to the cath which you had layed to the Presidence of the II. Leange of Prizrend, you are supposed then to undersign this protocol.

Inviting you to set freely and with your clear con-science, I greet you as brothers of the same ideal and wish to you all to be honestgand remain as such not only for yourselves but also for the good name of all sons of Albanian Kosovo.

God help you !

Enviosed: Two protocols.

(Thafer I. Deva.)

for the presidence of the II Leauge of Priaren.

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Composed i ... on February 24, 1952. Undersigns in Athens on

### Protocol(a)

Subject: Dischargement of responsibilities for the II Leange of Prizren, for the activity in the field.

- L. As part of explanations for this protocolly a latter of invitation and instructions of Knafer Deva, on behalf of the Presidence of the II. Leange of Prizren, directed to Almet Kabashi, Sharir Kabashi and Destan Berisha, members of the mission sent to field on June 25., 1959. under the command of Captain Risa Smant, fallen on June 26., 1959. after a clash with the enemy.
- - b) As a consequence of the mission of ....................... sent from Greek soil, without the consentiments of the Bresidence of the II. Leauge of Prizren, is declared to be missing.
  - IV. Almet Kabashi, Shaqir Kabashi and Destan Berisha, by statemak their signatures on this protocol, freely and free of any pressure frame of anybody, who he might be, the suddentitude that

    - ten leange of Prizren.

      2.) With respect to the statements in the above mentioned article; assert already now, that.; any pretension of the members of our families which might be directed to the Presidence of the LE De of Prizren in the future, as no valid.

The difference between the protocol (a) and (b) is consited in the last article IV, and its translation is:

a) I consider myself not responsible for having participated in the missions which have taken place from Greek soil, for the reason that Insummitted to the state of the reason that Insummitted to the it was out of my knowledge that the missions sent from Greece, were out of the browledge of the Freedence of the II. Leaves of Friaren.

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b) I wish that Kommunicate the possibility should be given to me im for explanations with the Presidence of the II. Leange of Primren, due to the fact that I did not have this possibility up to now.

increide a in Itisch off ... 6) I find it for right and just that my duty towards the Presidence of Prisrend, regarding the part of discipline and material responsion of the Mexicon of the June 25, 1958 may not opened, also for the show onto more my being honest and to justify the stricture of my d) I beg the Presidence of the II. Leange of Prisrengets give to me to accomplish my duty which on accomplish the of presidence of to to accomplish my disk which on account of the of romatanness of the complishing disk with the account of the officers of the complishing disk with the complishing disk and the complishing of the complishing disk and th Linear January, and and a visual and a visua edf mort felfoeteb ed of beseiveb et liberial at easy person A feripe Tilling manager femographic team ablifus and including the selection of Actions Structure of the control of The let of a compared to the property of the party of the